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Student Government Reaches Out to Student Body, Students Respond



BY RENÉE NOVY

This article contains the opinions of UNO Students.

In an effort to increase recognition and communications between the student body and its offices, Student Government sponsored an information table Monday and Tuesday afternoon.

"We're basically here to give Student Government more visibility on campus, and to try and recruit for Senate seats we have open and to get student input to see what students feel we may need to do better," said Colleen Sergeant, a freshman senator.

"We're also here to promote Student Government and UNO," said Joel Richter, a freshman senator and Student Senate budget chair.

"Another reason we're here is to let students know where they can find us. Due to the newness of the building, a lot of people aren't quite sure where we're located," Sergeant added.

"Yes," Richter agreed. "We have only these small signs to let people know what's in each office."

"We also want to let students know that we're here for them and we want to do everything we can to help them," Sergeant added.

"We're here to listen to students' concerns and to bring up issues that affect them," Richter said.

Both senators emphasized that Student Government is cur-

rently at work on some issues in particular that will affect students.

"Right now we're working on several goals which we've distributed among the senators, so we're all working in small groups in order to accomplish our goals," Sergeant said.

"For example, some of the goals include extended library hours, a Student Government Web page, improvements like parking lots and extended computer lab hours," Sergeant said.

When asked why they decided to participate in Student Government, the three senators sharing the task of manning the information table had different ideas.

"The main reason why I joined Student Government is because I love UNO and I have a lot of pride in this campus and I feel that Student Government is a way that I can make a difference here. I feel that Student Government is a good bridge for incorporating students' ideas into government," Sergeant said.

"The reason I joined was because I didn't really know of another organization that could make a major impact on campus," said DeAnn Raasch, a sophomore senator for the College of Business Administration.

"I joined because I personally feel that we, the members of Student Government, do make a difference and we [Student

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NATIONALS!

The Wrestlers are in the spotlight this week as they make their way to Fargo for their shot at the proverbial laurel. More sports pages 6-7.



Library Evacuated After 'Minor Fire' Monday

BY RENÉE NOVY

The UNO Library was evacuated at 12:27 p.m. Monday following a minor fire in an elevator shaft.

"Essentially, a fire started on a belt in the elevator, but we don't know exactly how it started," said Campus Security Lieutenant Paul Kosel. "No one was in the elevator at the time."

Kosel said no damages have been reported as a result of the smoke yet.

Many students and faculty members had to wait outdoors for over an hour before they could return to normal activities inside the library building.

"Suddenly a smoky smell came, and then the siren came on, so we went out," said Miho Morita, a Japanese Studies Exchange Program student who was forced to wait outside before resuming her normal class schedule.

"A teacher said she came in and smelled something burning. We just thought it was burnt popcorn, but the smell just got worse," said Blanche Smith, a freshman in apparel design who is a student worker for the Japanese Studies Exchange Program, which is located in the lower level of the library.

"We had a total of about five fire trucks come in, and we had to have the walkway [that runs the length of the front of the library] closed off for awhile," said Tim Fitzgerald, manager of public relations.

Kosel said that the Omaha Fire Department arrived at about 12:35 p.m. and was able to quickly find the source of the smoke and solve the problem.

"We began ventilating the building so that people could go back in — we started letting folks back in at about 1:45 p.m.," Kosel said.

ABC Speaker Looks to Media's Future

BY BRIAN J. TODD

The future of the communications industry was the hot topic Tuesday morning at the Holiday Inn Convention Center as writer Ken Auletta spoke of "Potholes and Opportunities Along the Information Superhighway."

Auletta, an author and media columnist who has written for several newspapers and magazines, was the fourth of five speakers in this year's ABC Breakfast Series which is hosted by the College of Continuing Studies.

"If you administered a truth serum to them (the CEOs of the major communications corporations) you would discover that they are insecure," Auletta said. It is the rapidly changes in technology that make it impossible to predict what new item or service the consumer will want in the future.

Items that did not even exist two decades ago such as laptop computers, VCRs, CDs, camcorders and other common pieces of technology that we take for granted today were not seen as possible growth technologies at that time. He said that VCRs, which now are in nine out of every 10 households in America, were scoffed at by some media experts.

But it is not just the fear of missing the next big wave that makes media CEOs insecure, Auletta said, it is also the fear of proposing the next big flop.

Examples of flops that the communications industry — which Auletta defined as consisting of seven sub-industries; the television broadcast industry, the computer industry, the video industry, cable companies, the consumer electronics industry, telephone companies, publishing and Hollywood studios — wishes to avoid are items that sold poorly such as Apple's Newton, a personal computer which had a portable size that made it difficult to use.

One way many media giants try to overcome their insecu-

rity and fear of the future is to hedge their bets, Auletta said. We see this today in the merger of media giants.

"So basically what they are trying to do is be converted to integrated companies so they can take the risk out of capitalism," he said, "and they can control everything from the inception of the idea to its manufacture to its distribution to its afterlife. And you would too if you were in their shoes."

Trying to take the risk out of capitalism is one of several certitudes he said the communications industry could count on.

Another of Auletta's certitudes that will define the future of the communications industry was that companies that will survive will not define themselves too narrowly.

Auletta said that the downfall of the railroads in the early part of this century was that they thought they were strictly in the railroad business rather than in the transportation business.

A similar thing happened to the television networks when cable television came along in the 1970s, he said.

"They [the broadcast networks] said, 'No. No. We're not in that business. We're in the single-channel business,'" said Auletta, "Like heck they were. They're in the newsstand business and they should be offering an array of products."

"The science of the so-called information superhighway or cyberspace we pretty much know," he said. "What we don't know, the great mystery, is the consumer."

Companies are trying to figure out whether or not people want to make choices for themselves or simply want to relax and be entertained by whatever is pre-packaged for them, he said.

Several questions arise from the certitude of the consumer uncertainty, he said. Will there be enough consumer interest or advertising dollars to pay for the investment that companies will have to make to bring this technology to the people? Will we be creating two societies: the information haves and have-nots?

"It's okay to be confused," Auletta said. If the average person does not know where the communications industry and its technologies are going, neither do the industry experts.

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Keeping in Touch with the Campus Pulse: Chancellor Offers Insights

By RENÉE NOVY

With the veritable maelstrom of events that have taken UNO firmly in hold throughout the past month, the *Gateway* decided to touch bases with Chancellor Del Weber for some insight into the events that have taken place: from the incident concerning the racial epithet and the cross pushed into the gas tank of a UNO employee and the rape of an instructor on campus to the prospects that will be provided to our campus and the University of Nebraska system as a whole via the IST&E initiative and the perceived tension between our campus and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

In a Feb. 24 *Omaha World-Herald* article, UNL Chancellor James Moeser was asked a question regarding the "tension... surfaced most recently [between UNO and UNL] with the debate over engineering..." the IST&E project and the possibility that UNO may be getting dorms.

Moeser's responded that he has "never seen any proposal for dormitories," and that the prospect of dorms on the Omaha campus is "not something we've been anxious to see" because "it does change the mission of the Omaha campus to become a residential campus."

The *Gateway* asked Chancellor Weber his view on the topics.

Q: What do you think of the comments made by UNL Chancellor Moeser about the prospect of dorms at UNO and perceived tension between UNO and UNL campuses in an article run on Feb. 24 in the *Omaha World-Herald*?

A: I think it's interesting that on the one hand, Chancellor Moeser has said that [UNL] is not in competition with us, yet he says he's concerned about the prospect of us getting housing. If he's not in competition with us, why is he or anyone else concerned about our having student housing?

I don't think anyone should be concerned about the position of UNO measured against UNL. I think our mission is a little different than UNL's. There's no question about that. I think that we're a metropolitan university, and

we have to be much more attuned to the needs of the greater community. We are not a research institution, we don't profess to be, we don't want to be. But that is not to say that we don't do some wonderful research on this campus. That is not the driving force of this campus. The driving force of this campus is and should be teaching. We expect research from our professors, but that's not our driving force.

Lincoln bills themselves as a research institution, and that's fine, however, we have no reason to emulate them.

We just need to keep our focus on what it is we want to do regardless of what Lincoln does, or Kearney does, or Creighton does, or anybody else, and do that in the very best way we can.

Q: UNO has been shocked with a string of incidents that reflect badly upon the university as a whole—from the incident Feb. 10 involving a cross stuck into an African-American UNO employee's ear to a potentially racist situation the following day at the library, racist notes left on a student's windshield on Feb. 27, and most recently, the rape of a UNO instructor on March 5. Do you feel any fear that there is something going on beneath the seams of this campus?

A: I think that this is the kind of thing that, after three or four [situations] happening in various intensity, is very distressful because we just haven't had to deal with things like this before. It's despicable. We shouldn't have to put up with this.

I don't know what all the answers are in terms of dealing with these kinds of things. Obviously, I think we need to take a fresh look at what we're doing with regard to prejudice reduction workshops that we've been putting on throughout the past five years and see if this is the kind of approach we should continue to take. I think we need to be increasingly sensitive to these kinds of things.

What concerns me most is, I sit here and think. Is this simply an isolated set of circumstances? -- see Weber, page 3 --

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When the Walls Come Tumbling Down

By KATHY DALEY

Deferred maintenance at UNO, as well as at many other Nebraska universities, raised great concern at the last Student Senate meeting on March 7.

Throughout the university system, 16 buildings have been declared "unfit." The needed repairs will not only take time but also money, and lots of it.

"It's really important that the Senate supports minimizing the cost of long term maintenance to the students," said Student President/Regent Jason Winterboer.

Maintenance will include a wide range of repairs such as small patches of chipping paint and meeting today's necessary fire, safety, and disability guidelines. Among the "unfit" buildings are two on UNO's campus, Allwine Hall and Arts and Sciences Hall. Repairs and renovations are expected to be quite costly. The longer the repairs are put off, however, the more expensive it will be for the students in the long run.

Many UNO organizations have kicked off the new year on the right foot. The Network for disAbled Students (NDS) has totally redecorated their offices. Their new director, Nicole Smith, has made the NDS atmosphere more "homey" and "livable" by dividing the space into several smaller sections allowing the students to use all of the area given. Smith made a separate area for socializing as well as an area for computers.

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stances akin to what the old saying says: 'things come in threes,' or is this what we can now look forward to in urban society? What I can't describe is the impact of this kind of thing. We have one of the very lowest crime rates of any campus in this country. The other night when we had that consternation over at the HPER building — I don't recall anything ever happening like this in all my years here. Is this an isolated set of circumstances? When you look at a campus like this, you have to think — there are 15,000 people here in a comparatively small plot of ground. This is probably the most densely populated 88 acres in the state.

Still, in a learning society, one should expect civility, and expect to be safe when going to and from school. I frankly think this is the kind of environment we have. I don't think that people really walk around on this campus and feel unsafe, but when these kind of things start to happen, it starts to infect the mind and causes all of us to be more vigilant. But when you put 15,000 people on a campus this size, I don't know that we can reasonably expect our campus to be entirely crime-free, any more than any city with this many people.

I think that we can also celebrate that we've had such a low crime rate, and so when we see things like this it's so distressful. I don't like to see that milieu broken. There's a certain feeling of powerlessness to change the situation because they are random acts, many times done under the cloak of darkness.

Q: The task of obtaining pertinent information about safety issues and statistics on campus from campus security has proven difficult in the case of those wishing to report these matters. With the understanding that some information, by necessity, needs to be kept confidential for personal or security reasons, how do you feel about the protocol used to keep such information confidential?

A: I've never believed the way to handle these things is to cover up or ignore them. I think you just have to confront them. That's the best policy, and if you don't, these kind of things don't stay under wraps long. Even when we're just looking at [issues] from the standpoint of self-protection of the institution, even if that were [the only consideration], we still want to act quickly.

In my 20 years here, again, I've never seen anything like this. Now this is the fifth incident and it's very difficult to get at all sides of the story to get toward what's the real picture. We've had a difficult time in ascertaining what are the facts.

If someone comes out and paints a windshield but no one sees it, what do you do about it? It's hard to decipher.

Q: What with the amount of incidents that have occurred in the short space of one month, has there been any talk of implementing specific policy to improve the methods for dealing with situations such as these?

A: This is something that we've talked about, and as a matter of fact, is the topic we'll talk about at the next meeting for administrative staff, but the direct answer to the question is no, there's not been any talk of policy to deal with these kind of things. I'd be open to any suggestions.

Student Senate



The Student Senate set up an information table in the Milo Bail Student Center on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon to get input from faculty and students. This table included a suggestion box and information on how the Senate operates.

The head of the information table, Jayson Boyer said, "This information table is one of the many ways the Senate is trying to keep a pulse on student concerns."

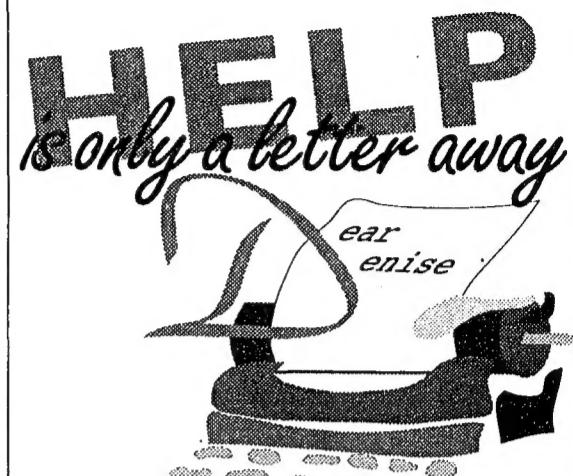
Because UNO is a commuter campus, students have proven to be less likely to get involved than in other universities.

"You must remember that you are the Senate's boss. It is your responsibility, as a student attending UNO, to voice your ideas to enhance this campus and its surroundings," Boyer said.

The International Student Services (ISS) kicked off the new year with a Cultural Fair and banquet on Feb. 26 and 27. They had a total of 175 participants from 35 different countries around the world and 400 visitors who attended this event. More than 350 students attended the free dance following the banquet.

Temporary walls came down last Friday in the Elmwood Room of the Student Center. A full scale model of the student housing suites were temporarily set up to offer the students and faculty a chance to give the administration both positive and negative feedback before anything was put down on paper. The two room suites were separated by a shower and stool. Each room had their own sink, separate exits to the hallway, phone and computer hook-up, and furnished with mobile bunk beds and two desks.

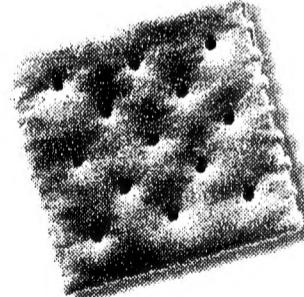
Many Student Senate members commented on how the closet spaces were too small and the contractors are already looking into making them larger. Right now, the estimated cost is \$250.00 per month per person, not including a meal ticket. The on-campus student housing is currently geared towards two major groups, athletes and international students. The housing will be located on what is now the criminal justice parking lot. This project is expected to be finished within the next two to three years.



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Letters to the Editor

'Simple Concern for Our Rights'

Dear Editor:

(In regards to the letter to the editor from James C. Moeller, March 4 issue of the *Gateway*.) Once again, honesty and truth seem to be among the first casualties. This happens quite often when Anti-Gay extremists see basic civil rights finally being extended to EVERYONE!!!

These are the days when Gay, Lesbian and Bi-Sexual leaders are making great strides in the workplace, government and home. In order to slow that forward momentum, religious political extremists, such as Doug Patton and including James Moeller, will want to cloud the issues by comparing gay, lesbian and bisexuals to rapists and pedophiles. This is a very wrong and abusive analogy. The truth is that rape and pedophilia are not sexual orientations. Rape is the violent attack against the often overpowered victim. Pedophilia is much the same with a child victim. Homosexuality is love, intimacy and consensual sex between two adults. We simply wish to be recognized by the government just as others expect to be. We wish to have the basic rights that are extended to all other individuals. One of these rights include the right to marry.

James Moeller may call homosexuality sexual perversion if he wishes. It may be abnormal to him, but it is not abnormal to millions of people across the world who are gay or lesbian. If this was a choice for us, why did we know we were gay at such an early age? Why is it that gay men grow up with much more feminine qualities than straight men? Why is it that lesbians know as children that they prefer women? AND, WHY IS IT ANY OF YOUR BUSINESS?? I don't care who you choose to have a relationship with and I don't care who you marry. Have they taught you in your church what Jesus said? Obviously they have not. I will quote it for you... "Let those without sin cast the first stone." I am not saying that what I do is a sin, but it is obvious that you think it is. You better go back to church and learn about loving your neighbor.

Gays, lesbians and bisexuals are made up of men and women, African-Americans, Asian and Pacific Islanders, Native Americans, Latinos and Caucasians. We are Catholics, Baptists, Muslims, Jews and all of the religions of the world. African-American gays marched in the Civil Rights Movement of the '50s and the '60s led on by the voices of Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King, Jr., James Baldwin and others. And the nobility of that struggle lives on. No one is free until we are all free.

Kim Erwin and Brian Davis
UNO Gay and Lesbian Organization

'Law Isn't Fooling Anyone'

Dear Editor:

Well, we might as well let little kids sell cigarettes from their lemonade stands.

LB 467, a bill before the Unicameral, purports to make it tougher for underage children to purchase tobacco. And yet, one of the law's provisions reduces the fee for a license to sell tobacco to \$10. At that price, a 10-year-old could come up with the money. Tobacco stands could spring up on every corner in the neighborhood.

It costs more just for a license to fish, or a permit to state parks. This gem has plenty of other flaws such as vendors can never lose their license by selling to children, by reducing the licensing fee, it robs school districts of operating funds and only law enforcement officers could see if vendors are obeying the law, and if they are not already overburdened, who is? Also, a vendor selling tobacco to minors starts out each year with a clean record, no matter how many of those offenses he has and if employees sign a statement pledging not to sell to minors, a vendor is off the hook completely.

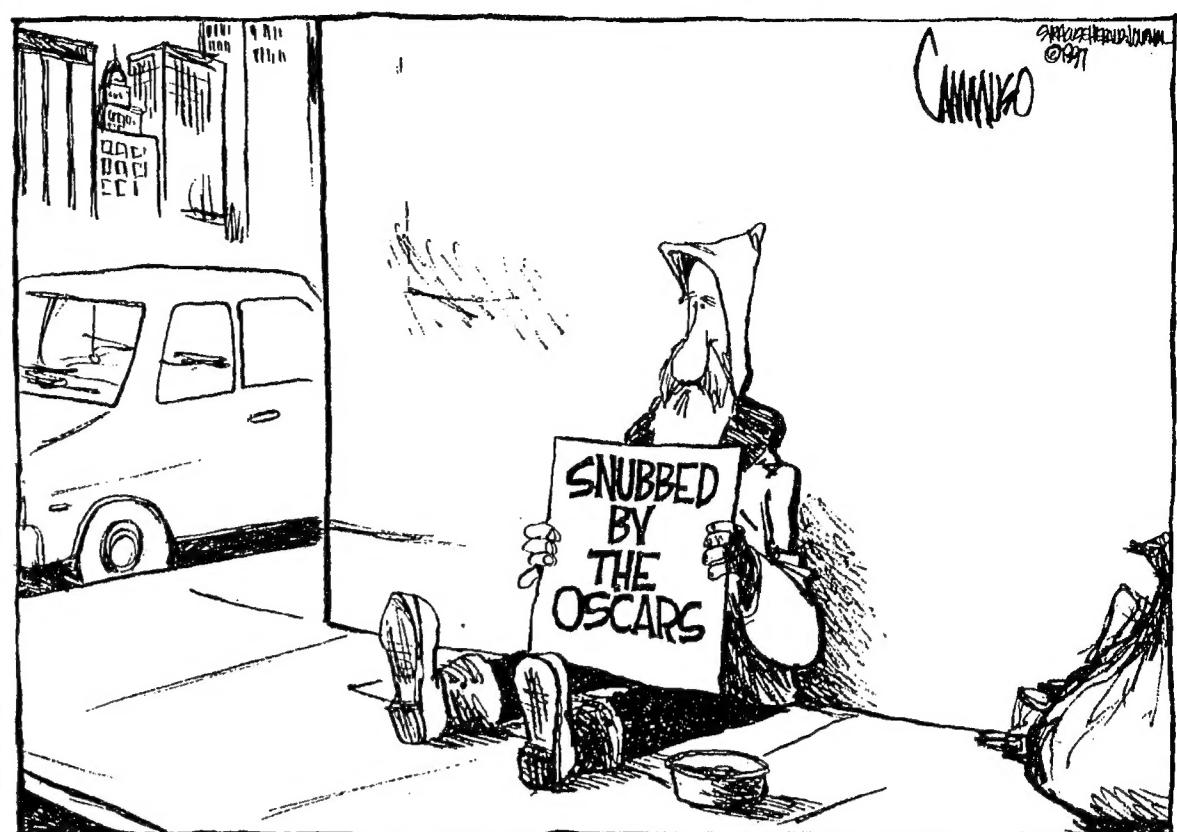
We urge all Nebraskans to let their senators know this law would be harmful to the children of this state. Let them know this law isn't fooling anyone.

Mike Wadum
Communications Director, American Lung Association of Neb.

Immense Racism Overwhelms

Dear Editor:

There comes a time in every African-American's life when the immenseness of racism in this country grows too great to stomach. The frustration of spending my hard-earned money to finance my education, foregoing sleep, in pursuit of an educa-



In Search of Leprechauns, True Meaning of St. Pat's Day

Saint Patrick's Day has always been a special day of celebration for my family. Not just the traditional "wear green" motto, but a full-fledged attack, complete with corn beef and cabbage, Irish soda bread, and a plethora of Irish drinking songs that were so silly you could sound half tipsy when attempting to sing any of the verses.

Not only was the food, drink, and music something special, but so was the mystical belief in the leprechaun. Leprechauns were tiny Irish elves who were said to protect an enormous pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. If you were lucky enough to fix your eyes upon a leprechaun, one would have to grant you three wishes. Seems relatively easy, yet the "little people" are sly and cunning. Further support of this can be found in the movie "Darby O'Gill and the Little People", a Saint Patrick's Day classic.

One Saint Paddy's Eve, my family went to eat at a traditional Irish restaurant. I was about five or six, and was determined to catch a leprechaun. Letting my guard down once inside the restaurant, a man approached the table and, from the back, wrapped his hands around my eyes. When they were removed, a shiny coin was sitting on each of our plates, and the man was nowhere to be found. I darted from the table, thinking of nothing but the man.

"It was a leprechaun! It was a leprechaun!" I yelled, as my dad followed behind.

My leprechaun experiences didn't stop there. On a cooler summer day, my friend and myself were in the park, spitting

tion that promises to better my life just to wind up being the subject of the type of racism that we have observed in the past few weeks horrifies me.

On this campus, crosses have been burned, racist propaganda distributed and now it becomes obvious that minorities can't feel safe in the library. These incidents demonstrate beyond any shadow of a doubt that this campus does accept anyone who is not white, Judeo-Christian, and heterosexual.

I qualify my statement by saying the administration of this university has no problem allowing us to attend. However, the current atmosphere at this institution is not one that is accepting of any minority. Anyone who thinks I am wrong either is in complete denial or has no clue of the impact of these incidents.

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watermelon seeds at each other, reminding ourselves of the immense danger involved if one of those seeds were ingested. Soon, after a long shower, a rainbow appeared with bright intensity. We dashed through the fields toward the end, a seemingly insurmountable task, yet in the minds of six year olds, not impossible. Darkness set in a short time later, and we both had to return home. I was disheartened, but not defeated.

As I grew older, some of the mystique of the leprechaun wore off, but never completely. Enough of it remained to make my little brother's belief grow as mine once had. My dad would fill Mick's head with many stories, giving him tips on how to catch a leprechaun. Every year, we would set out a bottle of Irish beer (it was supposed to be whiskey, but that's too damn valuable to be jeopardized). Mick would tie a rope around the bottle, and wait for a tug. Meanwhile, I was on the phone, calling one of my friends in the neighborhood to come grab the bottle, and then disappear. Soon, the rope shook as if it were attached to a harness of raging stallions. Mick would dart out the door, find the bottle empty, and inform everyone that the leprechaun had gotten away. Being the uncreative minds my dad and I were, Mick caught on to our little scheme after a few years. It was fun nonetheless.

Patrick was a saint in Ireland who drove the snakes from the land, hence the celebration of March 17th. Leave it to the Irish to make the day into a worldwide drunkfest. How come nobody makes a big stink when people don't respect the "true meaning" of Saint Patrick's Day. Christmas is to be remembered for the birth of Christ, Thanksgiving is in thanks to all the good that has blessed our lives. Many people get upset when those holidays become too trivialized and commercial. Yet Saint Patrick's Day is not remembered for Patrick driving the snakes from Ireland. It is remembered by some guy named Gunther, pounding down green beers and staggering out of the local establishment into a cab (don't drink and drive, from your friendly conservative columnist). Hardly a remembrance of the day.

There's really nothing wrong with the way the day is portrayed. It gives people a chance to unwind, socialize, and take away the worries and the sorrow (did I just say that?). Whether you're Irish or not, this gives everyone a chance to say they are Irish for a day. You can still identify the true Irishman, though. They know all the words to "Whiskey in the Jar." They have many folk tales that flow off the tongue. They have a laugh as heartfelt and jolly as Old Saint Nick (his holiday is Christmas). Oh, and they truly possess a "love for the liquor."

Are livers optional in Irishmen?

Happy Saint Patrick's Day everyone. Erin Go Braugh!

'Republicans Can't Prove Any Laws Were Broken'

BY STEPHEN CROUCHER

Recently the Clinton White House and the Democratic National Committee (DNC) have come under criticism for allegedly violating campaign fundraising regulations. The Republicans, led by Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, want congressional investigations and hearings. Instead of focusing on important issues like health care, the balanced budget, and crime, the Republicans spend most of their time making frivolous accusations.

The controversy surrounding democratic fundraising practices is nothing more than a Republican sponsored witch hunt. All hell broke loose the day after the Republicans took control of Congress. The party called for immediate investigations into Whitewater. Three years later the Republicans have done nothing more than waste millions and millions of tax payer dollars.

What do the Republicans have to show for it? Nothing. The special prosecutor for the Whitewater case, Kenneth Starr, even quit the investigation, that should tell the party something. The Republican party will waste even more money and energy over the DNC and its fundraising activities. Republicans believe they sense Democrat blood; they are wrong.

Unfortunately for the Republicans, nothing will come from investigations into the DNC for two reasons. First, actions of the DNC were within the boundaries of the law. Second, the American people will not stand for another tax wasting witch hunt.

Republicans accuse top DNC fund-raiser, John Huang, of accepting and asking for donations from foreign companies and individuals. Republicans even accuse President Clinton of renting the Lincoln bedroom out to donors.

Unfortunately, the Republicans cannot prove any laws were broken. It is not illegal for American citizens to make donations to the DNC, even if they spent the night at the White House the day before. These donors will donate funds if they stay at the White House or not. The donations in question came from donors who already gave considerable sums of money in the past to the DNC.

**Staff
Editorial**

The Republican party is just looking for something to cripple the presidency. They can not accept that Bob Dole lost the presidential election. Therefore, their insecurity about their politics and their party leads to frivolous allegations about donations that are legal.

The Whitewater investigation cost the American people tens of millions of dollars. What do the Republicans have to show for it?

Senator D'Amato of New York has been leading the unnecessary charge against the Clintons. In the process of his investigation, he lost countless hours of his and his constituents' precious and limited time. The American people will not allow the Republicans to conduct more McCarthy-like hearings.

Why do the Republicans care about the DNC and its practices? The Republican party members should worry about themselves. They should keep themselves out of scandals like Watergate and the Iran Contra Affair. They should also make sure Newt Gingrich does not break any more laws, like paying for a college course with money from his campaign funds. Ultimately the charges against the DNC and the Clinton White House are pathetic.

It appears that the Republicans on Capitol Hill have nothing better to do with their days than to attack the President of the United States. It is a shame that we as American citizens are forced to pay their outrageous salaries. From what I have read and have been told by my congressman, who will remain nameless, senators and representatives are in Washington to serve the people. I suppose Republican members of Congress have not read their books recently, or have just forgotten why they are in Washington.

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The fact about racism most don't understand, racists are like cockroaches, for each one that is caught, thousands go unseen. Sadder still, as of late racists who are caught are not pegged for what they are, they are allowed to make lame excuses or explain away their actions with

utility, staff and visitors need to be able to come on campus, regardless of the time of day, and feel like every possible thing is being done to keep them safe.

I don't believe that Campus Security is just sitting around eating donuts and writing parking tickets. However, I do think that how Campus Security reacts to the numerous recent events will define the future of safety at UNO.

Don't forget that in the next several years at UNO, there will be more people on campus and for longer periods of time when we (finally) get

dorms. With the increase of students and likelihood of problems that come with dorms (such as public intoxication, minors-in-possession, and even drug possession), the future safety at UNO is at stake.

As despicable as this bitter truth is, it doesn't matter how many students and professors excel, how many departments are nationally recognized and how many athletic teams top the charts — what makes the top news is the assaults, the racist hate-crimes and the rapes.

For the sake of our students, our staff and our future, everybody needs to take an active role in protecting each other — if you see something that doesn't seem right, it probably isn't. Keep your eyes and ears open and for God's sake, if you see something, *report it*. If you don't do something, nobody else will, either.

as it is) can't make it go away. What can erase it all is understanding.

For those who are reading this and feel that I don't belong here, I belong where I wish to be, and I wish to be here. I work very hard to be here, and so do other minority students. Nothing is handed to us (the myths of millions of dollars in scholarship money being handed to every minority with strength enough to walk through the door is just that — a myth). What we ask for is no more than we deserve, the same respect that should be afforded to all people. If someone feels they are incapable of affording that respect, they should be the ones to leave.

**M. Augustus King
UNO Student**



Amy Kimball
Senior psychology major

"Yes, I just think there is no unity on campus and I think it might help."



Renard Rerrell
Freshman civil
engineering major

"Yes, because it will make the campus more unified. There will be more DJ's and we will be more in touch with what's going on on campus."



Raphael Kizzee
Senior physical
education major

"I think there should be one. There used to be one when I first got here to UNO. It should be an alternative station where you can call up and request different types of music."



Stacy Jo Moss
Junior pre-law major

"Yes, we should have a student radio station because it gives students another avenue for a hobby or career opportunity."

SPORTS

Seniors show strengths

Mavs Say Goodbye to Three Leaders

BY JONATHAN PELPHREY

Mav Assistant Coach Raul Costero is optimistic about the future of basketball at UNO. Some of his optimism stems from the solid group of young players UNO is developing, like North Central Conference Freshman of the Year Charles Thompson. But Costero himself will tell you that the seniors had the most important role in bringing the Mavs their most wins in five years.

Without the seniors, Costero said, the underclassmen could hardly have achieved what they did. "I think our seniors had a huge impact on our underclassmen," he said. "They made important sacrifices to help us become more successful."

The basketball team loses three seniors this year: Troy Kloewer, Rashaad Watkins and J.R. Waller. "I really admire all three of these players for the leadership they showed through the season," Costero said. He said each senior demonstrated leadership in their own way, whether on the court, off the court, on the bench, or on the scout team.

Kloewer, according to Costero, developed into an outstanding leader during the last six to eight weeks of the season in particular. "I think Troy did a good job of demonstrating what leadership is about, and doing it on a daily basis. I think he really did a real good job of it the last six weeks of the season. Boy, he's one of the best leaders I've ever seen. Hopefully he instilled an understanding of what it takes to be a leader, what it takes to win, in our underclassmen."

Costero said there are times during some games when a coach really likes to see a senior step up and take charge of a situation. He said Kloewer did that. "He did that more than a few times this year. That was very satisfying for us to see him come through. He helped us win some big games."

Watkins, a team captain, impressed Costero with his unselfish attitude and his leadership on the scouting team. Watkins played back-up point guard for the last six or seven weeks of

the season. Before that, Quincey Jones, a freshman, was playing ahead of him. Costero said Watkins never complained. "He was a team player. His attitude was perfect. Here was a guy who gave of himself for this program to get better. That means a lot to me."

Costero said he is pleased to know that the program is producing people like that. "Once this program produces people like that, it really helps," he said. "People like that can do great things for us and are a great connection for us to have. You know that five or 10 years down the road, that's going to be a successful person. I know he's going to make good decisions."

The Mavs will also lose a walk-on in Waller. Costero said Waller was an example of a person with a high level of dedication. "This kid gave everything he had in practice." Costero also said Waller was invaluable as a teacher. "He taught our freshman some quick lessons when they first got here," he said. "He beat them up pretty good on occasion."

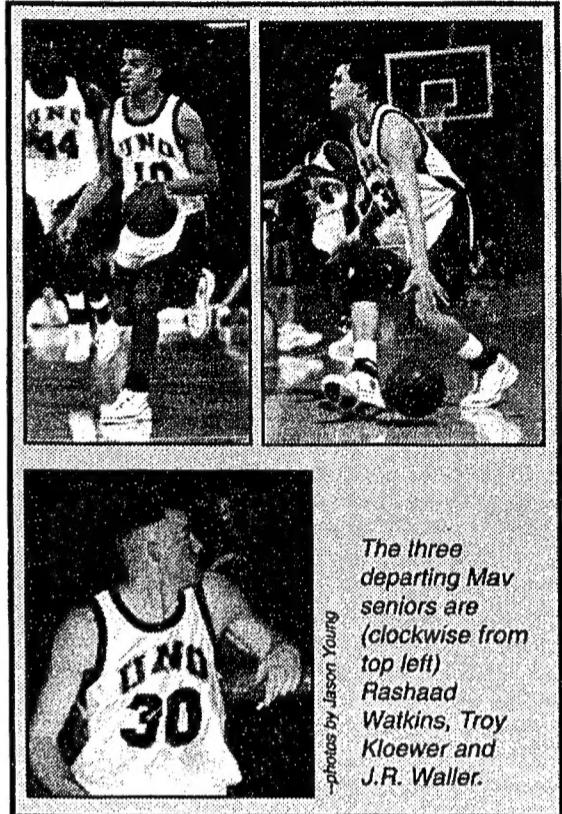
Costero recalled the last game of the season and said that he regretted not being able to play Waller in his last game as a Mav. "But his response was, 'Coach, don't worry about it. This is the best experience I've had in my life.' That's impressive," Costero said. "He's taken some major positives from the program, but he's added so many major positives to the program through his dedication and commitment and loyalty."

Costero said the team as a whole is developing much like the seniors did over the course of their college careers. "Our strengths will get stronger and our weaknesses will become strengths."

The seniors demonstrated what the really important things are for a coach and a college athletic team, according to Costero. "When it comes

"The one thing that nothing's going to change is the relationships, the bonds, those experiences that you have with these individuals. That's the really important thing."

--Mav Assistant Basketball Coach
Raul Costero



The three departing Mav seniors are (clockwise from top left) Rashaad Watkins, Troy Kloewer and J.R. Waller.

—photos by Jason Young

down to it, as coaches we can be hired one day and fired the next. But the one thing that nothing's going to change is the relationships, the bonds, those experiences that you have with these individuals. That's the really important thing."

Mavs In Splitsville



Sophomore Pete Englund (10) brings it home for the Mavs. This weekend, the Mavs will face Northwest Missouri State in a doubleheader Saturday.

to-back homers in the second inning to close to 7-4.

The Lopers scored six more runs over the next two innings and pitcher Brian Buscher held the Mavs to four hits after the first inning. That proved to be enough as the Lopers held-off a sixth-inning rally from the Mavs and won 10-9.

UNO lost despite earning 12 hits to UNK's 7.

In the second game of the doubleheader, UNO exacted its revenge, pounding out 14 hits and 17 runs to end UNK's five-game winning streak.

The Mavs fell behind 8-2 after the Lopers' first inning performance. But the Mavs spread out 10 runs over the next three innings and held UNK to two in the same time period.

The Mavs' five-run fourth inning was enough to take the lead and five more runs in the seventh secured the victory.

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BY JONATHAN PELPHREY

After winning their season-opener at home against Doane College, the UNO baseball team has split every doubleheader since.

The trend made itself apparent Sunday and Monday in a pair of double headers against Nebraska-Kearney (UNK) and Midland Lutheran (MLC).

Lopers, Mavs: Even Steven

In the first game of Sunday's match-up with UNK, the Mavs jumped out to an early 7-0 lead after one and one-half innings. But the Lopers came back from behind with back-



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Lady Mavs Continue Winning Ways

BY JONATHAN PELPHREY

Head Coach Mary Yori said her team has yet to face a real challenge, but the Lady Mavs are making the most of the games they have played so far, going 8-0 on the still young season.

In their home opener Monday at Westgate-Claussen field, The Lady Mavs



Lady Mav Pitcher Kelly Secord fires the ball toward home plate.

Mavs and left-fielder Nicole Siemek was 2-3 at the plate, scoring 2 runs and batting one in.

The second game developed differently with Winona State jumping out to a 1-0 lead in the first inning. The Lady Mavs were unable to get on the board until the bottom of the fourth, and even then WSU countered with another run in the top of the fifth to stay ahead 2-1.

won both games of a double-header with Winona State (WSU). The two victories came in strikingly different forms, however.

The first game was over by the fifth inning. In softball, the game is called if one team leads by 8 or more runs. UNO led 10-0 after Winona State failed to score in the top of the fifth, and that's the way it ended. UNO pitcher Kelly Secord threw a one-hitter in the contest to improve to 3-0 on the season. Freshman catcher Jenni Riva

scored two runs for the Lady

But senior all-American Jenni Upeniks brought in the tying run in the bottom of the fifth with a sacrifice fly. The Lady Mavs scored again when Toni Novak made it to the plate on an error. That was enough to secure victory number eight.

Sophomore Tara Buzzell picked up her fourth victory of the season and remained unbeaten.

The victories were the third and fourth over the Winona State team. The Lady Mavs won two games over WSU Friday and Saturday at the Missouri Southern Tourney.

The Lady Mavs now travel to Emporia, Kan., where they will participate in the Emporia State Trusler Softball Tournament today and tomorrow.

Yori said the No. 4-ranked Lady Mavs may face a good test if they play North Central Conference rival South Dakota State at the tournament. The Jackrabbits are ranked No. 9 in preseason polls.

Game 1

WSU 000 00-0 1 3
UNO 244 0x-10 12 1
W—Secord. L—Dzursian. 2B—UNO, Adams.

Game 2

WSU 100 010 0-2 5 2
UNO 000 121 0-4 7 3
W—Buzzell. L—Lockwood. 2B—WSU, Clements. UNO, Novak, Howe.

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Baseball vs. NW Missouri State (Doubleheader)	Saturday, March 15th, 1p.m.	Maryville, Mo.
Baseball vs. UNL (Doubleheader)	Saturday, March 19th, 1:30p.m.	Lincoln
Softball Emporia State Tourney	Friday, March 14-15th, 1p.m.	Emporia State
Softball vs. College of St. Mary (Doubleheader)	Tuesday, March 18th, 3:30/5p.m.	Home

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Game 1

UNO 610 002 0-9 12 2
UNK 042 400 x-10 7 1
W—Buscher. L—Siebler. 2B—UNO; Englund, Voss. UNK; Mitchell, Christo, Betz. 3B—UNK, Radcliff. HR—UNO, Geary. UNK; Christo, Schwieger.

Game 2

UNO 223 500 5-17 14 2
UNK 801 100 0-10 14 5
W—McPherson. L—Johnson. 2B—UNO; Geary, Voss, Prokupek, Waltman. UNK; Bosshamer, Schwieger, Dunn. HR—UNK, Christo.

Another Split

The Mavs travelled to Fremont on Monday to take on Midland Lutheran and the result was somewhat similar to the day before. The only difference might have been the extremes that the Mavs experienced in splitting their games.

In the first game the Mavs jumped all over the MLC, scoring 16 runs in the first three innings. The MLC squad never recovered as the Mavs went on to win 20-7.

Dave Clark, Pete Englund, Greg Geary and Derek Voss each hit home runs for the Mavs.

The second game was to the first game what night is to the day. The Mavs could get nothing going offensively, managing only one hit, a double by second baseman Tom Sweeney, against Midland's pitcher Chris Allen.

Midland scored 11 runs against the Mavs and cruised to an easy victory.

Game 1

UNO 574 04-20 16 1
MLC 122 20-7 6 5
W—Ernst. L—Dunlap. 2B—UNO; Geary, Waltman 2, Prokupek, Rasmussen. MLC, Davis. HR—UNO; Englund, Geary, Voss, Clark.

Game 2

UNO 000 00-0 1 4
MLC 281 0x-11 10 1
W—Allen. L—Ernst. 2B—UNO, Sweeney. MLC; Darr, Gaebel. HR—MLC, Johns.

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Government and the student body] need to work together to make a difference," Richter said.

To gain some perspective from the student body, the *Gateway* asked a series of questions to students passing near the south entrance of the Milo Bail Student Center, close to the location of the information table.

Equal Representation?

When asked whether she feels that Student Government represents the student body adequately at UNO, Malakita Witherspoon, a sophomore in business said no. "They could have more minorities on their seats," she said.

A response to the same question came in triplicate:

"I don't know anything about Student Government," said Sara Swisher, a junior in exercise science, her Allison Easterling, a sophomore undecided major, and Kelly Seidl a freshman in special education—simultaneously.

"I wish I did know more about Student Government," Witherspoon said.

"They could try to inform students more about what they do," Seidl said.

"True," Swisher said, "but I probably wouldn't go to their tables and find out about them if they ever set anything up. I'm just not very interested in what happens with them. Not that I'm not interested in what happens on campus. I don't actively go out and try to find out about events — if I hear about them because people are talking about them, that's different."

"I pay no attention to that sort of thing," answered Mark Arellano, a communications sophomore.

Another student had a bit more to remark upon when asked the same question as the others.

"Boy, the *select* groups of people. Certainly [they represent] the college Republicans that are involved," said Mike Newsome, a junior in psychology. "In general, there are a lot of things that happen on this campus that [Student Government] ignores. They don't pay attention to the wants or needs of the student body. For example, when the Student Center renovation began, the students asked for outside food vendors to be brought in, like Burger King, Taco Bell, etc. They promised us," Newsome said.

"Then, some of the people in Food Services went ballistic

and overrode the situation so that the university couldn't bring outside food in. Some of those people had worked here for years, so it's partially understandable, but still, our needs and wants were ignored," he added.

"Now they want to bring dorms onto this campus. Great! But what are the people that live there supposed to eat? The entire situation came down to a job security factor," Newsome said. "I guess the bottom line for Student Government is 'Is this campus going to progress or stagnate?'"

What to they do?

Another question posed to each student dealt with whether or not students held a clear idea of what Student Government does — activities, meetings, or otherwise.

"No, I have no idea what they're doing," Witherspoon admitted.

Swisher, Seidl, and Easterling stuck with their earlier statements.

"Not at all — I have no idea," Arellano said.

"I know what they're *not* doing," Newsome remarked. "I know of one person who is trying to get a Gay and Lesbian Resource Center on this campus, and the republican aspect of Student Government is highly against that. I find it especially interesting that they'll let outside groups come on campus like that one preacher guy who brings his family with him to preach at passing students, whoever he is — but if you see a couple of local neighborhood kids with skateboards, Campus Security will throw them right out. If you can't let unauthorized people on campus, and you'll throw out the kids with skateboards, why not the others? Who is it that is welcome on campus?"

The *Gateway* also asked these students whether they believed that Student Government is an effective force on campus.

"Student Government could be more effective especially if they had more minority involvement. I don't know too much about their meetings because I don't go. I should go," Witherspoon said.

Seidl, Easterling and Swisher had no comment.

"Sure, I suppose it's an effective force. There's a point in its existence, and there's a reason to keep it around," said Arellano.

Newsome offered another view: "I think it may become one, but right now I'd say no. There are some openings on campus

and they certainly have the potential to do so. Some people currently on Student Government may already know how stagnant things have been, and hopefully they'll become that force."

Another question asked was whether or not these students could name the Student Government representative for their class and college.

"No, I don't know. I know that sounds bad," said Witherspoon.

None of the three—Easterling, Seidl or Swisher could name their senators. "I know who Jason Winterboer is," laughed Swisher. "Does that count?"

"I don't know — but there is actually someone on Student Government that I could talk to if I had a problem. I'm just not interested in politics," Arellano said.

"That's a hard question," Newsome said. "Jayson Boyer?"

Suggestions, Improvements

When asked to contribute ideas that could help Student Government improve, the students answered as follows:

"They could gather up more minorities to participate in events... just more participation with the students on campus. More information about Student Government could be circulated to the students, especially because I don't know much about them, either," Witherspoon said.

Swisher, Seidl and Easterling each said no.

"No, I don't know. Sorry," said Arellano.

"For instance, with the Gay and Lesbian Resource Center issue — as just one of the things they're afraid of that they invoke constantly is the UPFF fee," Newsome said. "Their main concern is that people will pull their money out of the general fund. Instead of fearing this on their own, why not have a desk asking what people on campus feel about it rather than have a select group of people decide that for us? Most people have an open mind, I think. Shouldn't the student body decide where its money should go? There is a Women's Resource Center, and I don't use it. Still, more power to them for doing what they do. Let it be," Newsome said.

The final question asked of these students was whether or not they knew about the Student Government information table set up just feet away from them inside the student center doors.

All answered no.

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